

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

House Document

No. 60

H. P. 135 House of Representatives, Jan. 24, 1929.

Referred to Committee on Inland Fisheries and Game and
500 copies ordered printed. Sent up for concurrence.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Kitchen of Presque Isle.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

AN ACT Relating to Bounty on Porcupines or Hedgehogs.

EMERGENCY PREAMBLE

Whereas, by chapter two hundred forty-nine of the public laws of nineteen hundred twenty-seven, relating to bounty on porcupines or hedgehogs, it was provided that a bounty of twenty-five cents for each and every porcupine or hedgehog, so-called, killed in any town or unincorporated place in the state, shall be paid by the treasurer of such town to the person killing it, * * * * If the animal is killed in an unincorporated place, the bounty shall be paid by the treasurer of an adjoining town, if any, otherwise by the treasurer of the nearest

town. That the town treasurer shall immediately make a certificate under oath, addressed to the treasurer of state, that he first destroyed said nose and feet by burning, and then paid said bounty to the claimant. That said certificates shall annually, in December, be transmitted to the treasurer of state and by him reported to the governor and council as early as convenient; and when allowed by them shall be paid by the treasurer of state to said town, and

Whereas, many of said certificates transmitted to the treasurer of state by the treasurers of cities and towns are incomplete and defective so that it cannot be determined when and where the animal was killed, by reason of which it is impossible for either the treasurer of state or the governor and council to determine whether the claims against the state represented by said certificates are valid or otherwise, and

Whereas, complaints have been made to the treasurer of state that certain false and fraudulent claims have been presented for the bounty on porcupines alleged to have been killed, and

Whereas, claims for bounty as aforesaid amounting to approximately forty thousand dollars have been presented to the state for payment, and

Whereas, there is no provision in said act for the investigation by the state regarding the validity of claims presented as aforesaid, and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of the

state of Maine, and therefore require the following legislation as an immediate necessity for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety,

Now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

That chapter two hundred forty-nine of the public laws 2 of nineteen hundred twenty-seven, entitled "An Act Relat- 3 ing to Bounty on Porcupines or Hedgehogs," is hereby re- 4 pealed.

Emergency Clause. In view of the emergency cited in the 2 preamble this act shall take effect when approved.